

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Thursday, October 22, 2015

7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Lehr, Bounds, McPherron, Kissling and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Office Manager Sue Tooley updated the Council on the trip hazard removal project for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). She noted the need for identification and removal of trip hazards in the City. The City used Precision Concrete Cutting last year and proposes to use them again this year. Tooley presented a quote for \$15,839.00 from Precision Concrete Cutting for 2015 projects.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by McPherron and carried to accept the quote of Precision Concrete Cutting in the amount of \$15,839.00.

The Mayor announced that the City is trying to address workforce housing in Dubois County. He noted that the proposed housing development, Hunter's Crossing, is an effort to address the same. He reminded the Council of the study done concerning employer assisted housing several years back showing what a workforce housing program might look like. He informed the Council that the State, through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) wants to do a statewide report, benefiting the City of Huntingburg and other cities around the State that are facing the same problem of available workforce housing. He noted the funding has been put in place by OCRA to fund a study by The Purdue Center for Regional Development, Purdue University. A proposal was presented titled Rural Housing in Indiana: Current Status, Promising Strategies & Pilot Initiative.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Department Report. He noted the need for a line truck. The current truck is a 1998 Altec model. He indicated the average service time for a line truck is 15 – 20 years. He estimated the cost of a new line truck would be \$230,000.00 to \$250,000.00 with a trade-in value for the 1998 line truck to be between \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

Reutepohler requested permission to develop specifications and begin the process of obtaining bids.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Summers and carried to allow Reutepohler to put together specifications for a new electric line truck and begin the process of obtaining bids.

Reutepohler presented the Gas Department monthly report. He reported the old gas storage field wells continue to be filled in and reclamation continues. He noted that some of the pads in the dehydration building are 4 feet thick and he will have to consider hiring Cooper Rail Service to jack-hammer the concrete. He noted that he was told by Gwaltney that the cost of capping the seven remaining well-heads will come in well below the initial estimate. Reutepohler reported that leak detection is now done in house and that 207,000 feet of gas line was surveyed in 7 days.

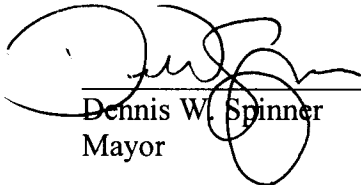
Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. He noted that Patoka Lake had an algae bloom problem and the City was required to work the plant around the clock to make water and increase flushing to purge the algae that had gotten in to our lines. He also noted Patoka had a construction project that required their lines be

shut down, also requiring the City's plant to work around the clock to make water for three days.

Williams reported the possible need for new filter media or cleaning of existing media. He is still evaluating and will report at a later date.

Williams presented a Rain Garden update and showed pictures of the planting done by volunteers as part of a training workshop (work day) at the Lake. He noted work was being done on the drainage around the lake, the spillway and the dam.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer